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NEW PLAYFIELD NOW READY

Site Near Hill Building Announced For New Building

A playground located in the rear of the Hill School has been completed today and is now ready for the physical education classes with the opening of the fall term in the Birmingham

playground is a lot 465 x 100 long by 206 feet wide and was purchased two years ago by the board of education from individual owners for \$54,500.

It is the plan of the school board to use this lot as the site of a new school in the future. Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools pointed out. However, no decision has been reached as to what type of school will be erected there. "It is possible that a new senior high school would be erected or possibly a junior high school, according to the most pressing needs of Birmingham," he said.

When purchased by the school board two years ago six houses stood on this lot which is situated in the rear of the Hill School between Martin and Merrill streets. An agreement was made with the David Fleming company, who own the lot and filling in the cellar holes. This work is now completed and furnishes an excellent playground for the Hill School. It is as well as an opportunity for outdoor physical education work and occasional practice games for the high school children, he pointed out.

Formerly there was no playground for pupils from these schools other than the lot behind the Episcopal Church on West Maple avenue, according to Mr. Vliet. School playground not only will save them from crossing privately owned property as they did to reach the lot in back of the church, but will give them a recreation field approximately three times the size of the old one," he remarked.

"It is possible," Mr. Vliet pointed out, "that in time the entire block bounded by West Maple avenue, Southfield avenue, Martin

SCHOOL OFFICIALS URGE EARLY PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE

Early preparation for the future of their children is urged by Melvin C. Hargy, principal of Baldwin High School, today, in counseling parents of boys and girls who enter the ninth grade in either Baldwin or Adams school next Tuesday.

Letters are now in the hands of 150 parents and stress the fact that a plan for the future should be molded in the first year of high school. Plans for college should be made at this time and the particular requirements of the college favored by various mothers and fathers should be noted so that prompt action can be taken in the arrangement of high school studies, with this aim in view, the letter points out.

In Baldwin, 190 freshman students are expected to enroll, and in Adams there will be 50, it is reported. Letters to the parents of Baldwin ninth graders, were sent out last Saturday.

Many parents are making use of an opportunity offered by Mr. Hart to consult him in the library of the high school each morning for three days, ending tomorrow.

Although we intend this letter primarily for the fathers and mothers of ninth grade pupils, it may also be of help to the parents of boys and girls both younger and older. I would be glad to talk with any parent in making plans for their child's education," announces Mr. Hart.

"Young child as a member of the ninth grade class has reached a point where he is in need of judicious counsel. Many a plan for his future is molded in this first year of high school. All pupils will not and should not plan for college. We must study the individual and urge for him the type of work which his abilities and capacities warrant.

If, after such study, you are convinced that your boy or girl should pursue a college preparatory course, it is not too early to consider the college or at least the type of college which he will likely attend. For most colleges the graduates must present an entrance fifteen units of credit over a school area for Birmingham and Merrill streets will be given over as a school area for Birmingham. "However," he continued, "this will depend upon the growth needs of the village."

including three years of English, two years of foreign language, one year algebra, one year geometry, one year of history, and one year of science—biology, chemistry, or physics. Of the remaining units there must be sufficient to make twelve units of "solids" or academic subjects. Three units may be offered in any subject for which the high school grants credit towards graduation, such as vocational work, commercial work, art, music, etc.

Some colleges, especially in the east may deviate from the above requirements so that if you have a particular college in mind I urge you to send for a catalog at once in order that we may check on the course which your child elects. "We will do our best to advise with each pupil but with more than one hundred enrolled in the freshman class, the time spent with an individual is necessarily limited. Working together we can accomplish much.

PLAN HORSESHOE MEET IN COUNTY

Entrants Expected From All Parts Of Oakland County For Fennelle Match

Invitations have been received from persons in Birmingham interested in horse shoe pitching to enter the county match in Fennelle at 10 a. m. Labor Day at the Jefferson Athletic field.

Losing caps are to be awarded to the winners and runners up in the single and double matches. No entry fee is to be charged, according to announcement by R. L. Peel, 702 Lawton avenue, Fennelle, who is accepting entrance applications.

This is planned to be the largest contest of its kind ever held in Oakland County, Mr. Peel said.

KELLYGRAMS

By FRED C. KELLY

While waiting outside a phone booth at a little club, I chanced to hear a man carrying on a conversation with a woman. Evidently she had recently suffered some great misfortune and he, an old friend of the family, was trying to comfort her. Over and over again he told her:

"No one could feel more sorry about all this than I do and I want you to feel free to call upon me if I can at any time be of the slightest help. I appreciate the patience and do call on me whenever you need me, no matter if it's in the middle of the night. It will be a pleasure to try to aid you in any way I can. I know how discouraged you must feel right now, but I'm sure things are going to be brighter for you."

I reflected over that an unselfish, neighborly person the speaker must be to take such interest in some poor woman's troubles. Then he added:

"Mrs. Smith, right across the street from you, had just such difficulties with her furnace, in the house she rented from us, but we finally got it fixed.

When the man emerged from the booth I recognized him as one of our leading and most enterprising realtors.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

Bits Of News Cleared From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

41 YEARS AGO
Phil Phillips is seriously ill and his son Phil of East Saginaw was telephoned for and arrived on Monday last.

An interesting docket program is on the docket for next Sunday evening at the M. E. church. We understand that Rev. Low and wife will do some singing and six young ladies and little girls will do some speaking. Some of the choicest of the character of the occasion by solos.

Week after next the good ladies of the M. E. church will give a harvest dinner social at the residence of Dr. C. M. Raynolds. Further notice will be given and ample preparations made for a pleasant and interesting entertainment of as great a crowd as may possible attend.

Samuel Alexander is shipping immense quantities of red raspberries to Detroit and gaining much wealth from his enterprise.

Trot Lockwood gives a fancy exhibition at the roller rink next Saturday night. Come one, come all.

Lost between Ed James corners and Birmingham, a white cat with blue velvet band. The finder will please leave at the postoffice and oblige the owner, a good little girl.

The past week was so warm, that a certain Maple avenue young lady has reclined in her hammock and a Mother Hubbard night and day. Fan me with a feather!

The roller rink has received a handsome coat of paint, put on in an artistic manner by the masterly hand of its owner, Edson James. It improves the looks of the building vastly.

Romeo pays \$1500 a school professor. Don't forget the supper for the benefit of the Cemetery association at Mr. L. Simpson's Friday night.

Wm. Parks returned home from Buffalo the early part of this week. He took three cartloads of fat steers to the eastern market and had good luck securing good prices and everything turned out real well.

Well now, did you ever? a rat crawled up on the bed of Mrs. Jos. Smallbone in Troy and bit her upper lip severely! Dr. C. M. Raynolds cauterized the wound and nothing serious is expected.

The "County Woman's Club," Lapeer, has secured the passage of an ordinance forbidding expectation on the sidewalks of that city.

Services will be held at the Baptist church as usual next Sunday, August 31, notwithstanding the extensive alterations which are now in progress.

Isiah Hall, a farmer near Davidsburg, has harvested 14,000 bushels of grain consisting of wheat, rye, barley and oats. That's good farming.

Frank Young is the busiest man

DUMONT MILLS AWARDED HONOR

Village Youth Is Twelfth To Be Qualified For Eagle Scout Rank

Dumont Mills, 15 years old, 132 Puritan road, completed this week his work for the rating of Eagle Scout in the Birmingham Boy Scouts. The honor will be conferred at the first court of honor here, the date of which has not yet been set.

He is the twelfth Birmingham boy to receive this honor, which is the highest offered by the scouts. The boy is a student at the Baldwin High School.

ones, hereafter brick silos will be the only kind erected. It will be like a big crock or bowl when ready to use.

The Maple trees of the street adjoining the depot have been shamefully mutilated by the Telephone Co. Everyone in the neighborhood seems to agree that they are spoiled, but still the work goes on.

A Yankee has invented a machine which sweeps and dusts a room by suction from an air pump in the basement. All that is necessary is to pass the hose nozzle over the carpet and furniture. The suction through it carries the dirt particles to the cellar, none of them being thrown into the air of the apartment.

FIVE YEARS AGO
Schools opened Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1923, with 48 faculty members. Careful repairs have put the buildings in excellent condition for the coming year, and a larger increase in enrollment over last year is expected.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

H. T. Ellerby, village president: "It often is a very difficult thing to save the trees in Birmingham despite all the effort that is being made. The engineering department has done a great deal to save about 10 trees on Merrill and Willett streets. However, I doubt if the trees will live very long because of the pavements."

year is expected. However, due to the increase in capacity brought about by the completion of the Adams school, every child will have a seat for a full day's work, and no half-day sessions will be necessary except in the kindergarten."

Township took two subdivisions, Golf view heights, located across from the Birmingham Golf club, and including 24 acres, and Meadow Brook Estates, which comprise 154 acres of what was formerly the McBride farm of West Maple road.

Commission requested an affirmative vote on the fire pump and library heating system. "First, the expenditure of \$5,000.00 for the installation of a steam heating system and the remodeling of the fire department quarters in the Baldwin Library building.

Second, the expenditure of \$12,500.00 for the purchase of fire pumping apparatus.

Huston building near completion. It is expected that the new Huston building, on Woodward avenue north of the post office will be completed in about two weeks. One side of the building will be occupied by the post office, while names of the other tenants have not been made public.

Village Manager James W. Parry today has instructions to present to the village commission maps and diagrams and an estimate of the cost for the cutting of an alley east of Woodward avenue between Oakland avenue and Euclid avenues. This was petitioned by property owners.

SCOUTS START FALL PROGRAM

Stanley Expects Activities To Surpass Those Of Past Seasons

The winter season of the Birmingham Boy Scouts is to get under way next Tuesday night with a meeting of Troop B 1 and B 2 in the First Presbyterian Church and the Adams School respectively, according to announcement by Lloyd L. Stanley, scout executive.

The coming season is expected to be the largest in the history of Birmingham scouts, he said, with many activities being planned.

Another meeting planned in the future is for Wednesday when all Troop B 3 will be in session in the Baldwin High School. A district meeting has been called for Sept. 10 and on Sept. 17 there will be indoor work for the first and second class scouts.

The regular schedule will get under way in October. No plans have been made for a fall camp, Mr. Stanley said, and it will be decided at the meetings whether the boys will go to an encampment later.

Parry To Figure Coat Of Alley

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The American Worker's Happy Land

THE traveler returning from a foreign tour promptly doffs his hat to America, as the land where labor is happiest.

In this present era of good wages and continuous prosperity, he finds the average American worker possessing not only the necessities, but generously blessed with the luxuries of life denied many an upper-class European.

As he passes through the commercial, industrial and governmental centers, he finds most of the leaders have come from the lowliest levels in their own fields, to positions of highest power and responsibility, through hard work. And the higher they reach the harder they work.

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